



ABSTRACT

PUBLIC SERVICES – Panchayat Raj and Rural Development Department - Allegation of corruption of demand and acceptance of bribe against Sri Gundela Krishna Rao, Assistant Engineer, Musunuru Mandal, O/o the Mandal Development Office, Musunuru Mandal, Krishna District - Trapped on 20-12-2018 – Sanction for Prosecution under Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 – Accorded – Orders – Issued.

PANCHAYAT RAJ AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (VIG. I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.NO.41

Dated:28.07.2022.

ORDER:

1. **WHEREAS**, Sri Gundela Krishna Rao, S/o Rama Rao, 54 Years, Assistant Engineer, O/o. Mandal Praja Parishad, Kirlampudi, East Godavari District and worked on OD basis as Mandal Engineering Officer, O/o. the Mandal Praja Parishad, Musunuru Mandal, Krishna District, worked from 23.03.2017 to 20.12.2018 and by virtue of the post held by him, he falls under the category of a Public Servant as defined under Section 2 (c) of Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988.
2. **AND WHEREAS**, Sri Gadde Raghu Babu, S/o. Satyanarayan, 35 years, native of Gudipadu Village of Musunuru Mandal, Krishna District. He ekes his livelihood by agricultural works. The Gravel Road in the BC area of Gudipadu Village has come up for repairs. In this regard, funds to the tune of Rs.2 lakhs were sanctioned from the ZP General Funds through ZPTC. On that, after passing Resolution on the said Gravel Road Repair Works in Gudipadu village of Gullapudi Panchayat, one VWC (Village Works Committee) member Sri Gadde Raghu Babu was nominated to take up the works. In this regard he entered into an Agreement to that effect with the Deputy Executive Engineer, Panchayat Raj, Nuzvid Sub-Division, Krishna District as token of his nomination for the said works and his undertaking for its execution. After agreement, the road repair work was executed. The said gravel road work was inspected by Sri Gundela Krishna Rao, Assistant Engineer, PR of Musunuru Mandal. After completion of road repair work, when the complainant approached the

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Assistant Engineer, Sri Gundela Krishna Rao at Nuzvid to sanction of the bill for the amount spent, the Assistant Engineer demanded a bribe amount of Rs.10,000/- to get the above bill sanctioned. The Assistant Engineer Sri Gundela Krishna Rao said that the bill amount will not be sanctioned unless the bribe amount was paid to him. So, Sri Gadde Raghu Babu reluctantly agreed to arrange the said amount to him. On that Assistant Engineer Sri Gundela Krishna Rao directed him to get the bribe in a week or 10 days and pay it either to him or to the person at the place specified by him. On 19-12-2018 at 6.41 PM, when Sri Gadde Raghu Babu called the Assistant Engineer, Sri Gundela Krishna Rao on his mobile No.7981956659 from his mobile bearing No. 9618783338 and expressed his inability to pay that much amount, Sri Gundela Krishna Rao, Assistant Engineer then asked him to get a bribe amount of Rs.9,000/-. The conversation that has taken place between Sri Gadde Raghu Babu and Sri Gundela Krishna Rao was recorded by Sri Gadde Raghu Babu in his mobile phone and then transferred into a Memory Card. As there is no other way, Sri Gadde Raghu Babu reluctantly agreed to pay the bribe amount. Sri Gadde Raghu Babu was not willing to pay the bribe amount to Sri Gundela Krishna Rao, Assistant Engineer and came to the Office of the Deputy Superintendent of Police, Anti-Corruption Bureau, Vijayawada and presented a report to take necessary action against Sri Gundela Krishna Rao on 19-12-2018 at 20.15 hrs. Sri Gadde Raghu Babu also handed over the Memory Card along with report for taking necessary action.

3. **AND WHEREAS** after following due procedure, the Deputy Superintendent of Police, Anti-Corruption Bureau, Vijayawada, registered the complaint of Sri Gadde Raghu Babu as a case in Crime No.12/RCT-ACB-VJA/2018 U/s 7 of the Prevention of Corruption (Amendment) Act, 2018 on 20.12.2018 and submitted original FIR to the concerned and made arrangements for laying a trap.
4. **AND WHEREAS**, after completion of the Pre-Trap proceedings, the trap party proceeded towards O/o. the Mandal Development Office, Musunuru Mandal, Krishna District on 20.12.2018, where Sri Gundela Krishna Rao, S/o Rama Rao, 54 Years, working on OD as Assistant Engineer, Musunuru Mandal, O/o. the Mandal Development Office, successfully trapped when he further demanded and accepted the bribe amount of Rs.9000/- from the complainant Sri Gadde Raghu Babu who was

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accompanied by 2nd Mediator Sri Vempala Sathish for doing an official favour i.e. for sanction of bill amount of Rs.2 lakhs of gravel road works which was completed by Sri Gadde Raghu Babu. The Sodium Carbonate solutions test conducted over both hand fingers of Sri Gundela Krishna Rao, Assistant Engineer (PR) in both glass tumblers separately. When he did so the colourless solution in both the glass tumblers turned into pink colour. The tainted currency of Rs.9000/- was recovered from Assistant Engineer, Sri G Krishna Rao from his left side upper shirt pocket at his instance. Sri G Krishna Rao produced M-Book-I, Working Estimate Copy, Agreement document, Detailed Estimate Copy, Photostat copies of working estimate, Photostat copies of M. Book which discloses that the official favour is pending with Sri Gundela Krishna Rao, S/o Rama Rao, Assistant Engineer by the date of trap.

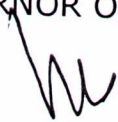
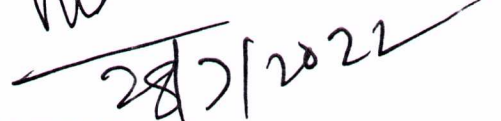
5. **AND WHEREAS**, the above said acts of Sri Gundela Krishna Rao, Assistant Engineer, O/o. Mandal Praja Parishad, Kirlampudi, East Godavari District and worked on OD basis as Mandal Engineering Officer, O/o. the Mandal Praja Parishad, Musunuru Mandal, Krishna District constitute offences punishable under section 7(a) of the Prevention of Corruption (Amendment) Act, 2018.
6. **AND WHEREAS**, the Government of Andhra Pradesh, being the competent authority to remove Sri Gundela Krishna Rao, Assistant Engineer, O/o. Mandal Praja Parishad, Kirlampudi, East Godavari District and worked on OD basis as Mandal Engineering Officer, O/o. the Mandal Praja Parishad, Musunuru Mandal, Krishna District from service after fully and carefully examining the material (i.e. F.I.R., Mediator Reports and final investigation report etc.,) placed before the Government in respect of the said allegations and having regard to the facts and the circumstances of the case consider that Sri Gundela Krishna Rao, Assistant Engineer, O/o. Mandal Praja Parishad, Kirlampudi, East Godavari District and worked on OD basis as Mandal Engineering Officer, O/o. the Mandal Praja Parishad, Musunuru Mandal, Krishna District should be prosecuted in a Court of Law.
7. **NOW, THEREFORE**, in exercise of the powers conferred by Clause (b) of Sub-Section (1) of Section 19 of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988, the Government of Andhra Pradesh hereby accords sanction for the prosecution of Sri Gundela Krishna Rao, Assistant Engineer, O/o. Mandal Praja Parishad, Kirlampudi, East Godavari District and worked on OD

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basis as Mandal Engineering Officer, O/o. the Mandal Praja Parishad, Musunuru Mandal, Krishna District for the above said offences punishable under Section 7 (a) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 2018 (as amended by Act.16 of 2018) and for any other cognate offences punishable under any other provisions of Law for the time being in force in respect of the aforesaid acts and for taking cognizance of the said offences by a court of competent jurisdiction.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

(GOPAL KRISHNA DWIVEDI)
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Director General,
Anti-Corruption Bureau,
Andhra Pradesh
VIJAYAWADA.